A Brief Look at ROPEX History

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Hinges & Tongs

2019 Newsletter Banner

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ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION
APRIL, 1963 BULLETIN

1963 Newsletter Banner

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Proposed New Newsletter Logo to incorporate 1963 design

Who knows when the first RPA Stamp Show was ?

It was in December, 1921
And included the “unveiling of the Municipal Collection”

Year	Dates Held	Event - Theme
1921	Dec	Unveiling of the Municipal Collection
1933	Nov 13-18	Stamp Expo
1934	Aug 11-Sept 2	Rochester Centennial Hobby Show
1937	May 14	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1938	Mar 21-26	4th Annual Hobby Show
1938		RPA 25th Silver Anniversary Exhibition and Banquet
1939	May 11	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1945	Aug 30-Sept 1	7th Annual Hobby Show
1950	June 3	37th RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1951		2nd Niagara Frontier Federation Exhibition
1956	Apr 1-12	Regional FIPEX Junior Exhibition
1957	May 18	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1957	Oct 5-6	8th Niagara Frontier Federation Exhibition
1958	May 23-25	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1959	Apr 24-26	RPA Exhibition and Banquet - New York Year of History
1960	May 21-22	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1961	May 12-14	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1961	Oct 20-22	12th Niagara Frontier Federation Exhibition - Now Under One Flag
1962	May 19-20	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1963	Apr 26-28	RPA 50th Golden Anniversary and Exhibition
1965	May 1-2	RPA/Finger Lakes Stamp Club Joint Exhibition
1966	Nov 4-6	17th Niagara Frontier Federation Exhibition - United We Stand
1967	June 23-25	RPA Exhibition and 16th American Topical Association Convention
1968	Sept 19-22	RPA Exhibition and 82nd APS Convention - United Nations World Weather Watch
1971	Sept 24-26	ROPEX'71 - Monroe County Sesquicentennial
1972	June 16-18	ROPEX'72 and UNIPEX IV Joint Show - 125th Anniversary of the First U.S. Postage Stamps
1973	June 22-24	ROPEX'73 - The Colonial Post Rider
1974	June 21-23	ROPEX'74 and ATA TOPEX Joint Show - UPU Centennial
1976	Nov 12-14	ROPEX'76 - American Revolution Bicentennial
1978	Apr 14-16	ROPEX'78 - 125th Anniversary of the New York Central Railroad
1979	Oct 19-21	ROPEX'79 - 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Bluenose Stamp
1981	Mar 13-15	ROPEX'81 - 100th Ann. of the Red Cross/200th Ann. of Yorktown
1982	Mar 26-28	ROPEX'82 - 175th Ann. of Fulton/200th Ann. of the US Great Seal

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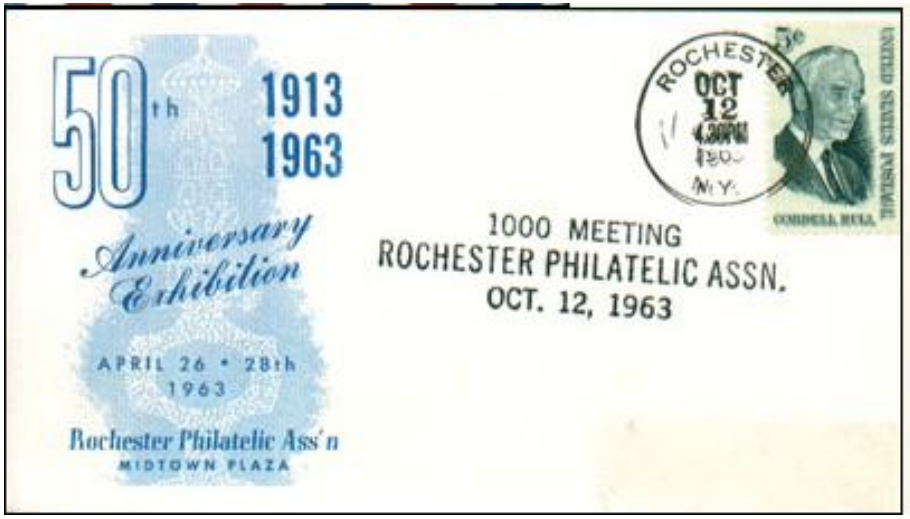
1983	Mar 25-27	ROPEX'83 - 1880's Handcar/Railroad Transportation
1984	Mar 23-25	ROPEX'84 - 150th Anniversary of the City of Rochester
1985	Mar 22-24	ROPEX'85 - American Space Achievements/14 cent Iceboat
1986	Mar 21-23	ROPEX'86 - Forms of Transportation
1987	Mar 27-29	ROPEX'87 - Aviation
1988	Mar 25-27	ROPEX'88 - Rail Transportation
1989	Apr 21-23	ROPEX'89 - United Nations World Weather Watch Anniversary
1990	Mar 23-25	ROPEX'90 - 150 Years of Women on Stamps
1991	Apr 5-7	ROPEX'91 - Local Lighthouses "F" Tulip Definitive
1992	Mar 27-29	ROPEX'92 - 500th Anniversary, Columbus Discovering America
1993	Mar 26-28	ROPEX'93 - 100 Years of Commemoratives 25th Anniversary, APS Champion of Champions
1994	Apr 8-10	ROPEX'94 - Trains and the Mail
1995	Apr 7-9	ROPEX'95 - Man In Space
1996	Apr 12-14	ROPEX'96 - 100th Anniversary of the Modern Olympic Games
1997	Mar 7-9	ROPEX'97 - 150th Anniversary of the First U.S. Postage Stamps
1998	Mar 6-8	ROPEX'98 - 30th anniversary of the movie, "2001- A Space Odyssey", 60th anniversary of the radio broadcast of "War of the Worlds", 90th anniversary of L. Frank Baum's book, "Dorothy & the Wizard of Oz"
1999	Mar 19-21	ROPEX'99 - Apollo Missions 8, 11 and 17
2000	Mar 17-19	ROPEX 2000 - Trains
2001	Mar 16-18	ROPEX 2001 - Christmas Philately
2002	Mar 8-10	ROPEX 2002 - 100 Years of the Teddy Bear
2003	June 20-22	ROPEX 2003 - 175 Years of Railroading in America 100 Years of Manned Flight 50 Years of the Corvette
2004	June 18-20	ROPEX 2004 - Birds of North America
2005	June 10-12	ROPEX 2005 - Kids and Stamps/Sports/Their Pets

2007	May 18-20	ROPEX 2007 - 50 Ann. of Sputnik, Ice Hockey, 100th Ann. of Scout Camps
2008	May 16-18	ROPEX 2008 - 100th anniversary of the Washington-Franklin definitives, Switzerland, Scouting
2009	May 15-17	ROPEX 2009 - Abraham Lincoln on Stamps and Coins
2010	May 14-16	ROPEX 2010 - 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America, 15th Anniversary of Stamp Camp USA
2011	May 13-15	ROPEX 2011 - 50 Years of Americans in Space
2012	May 18-20	ROPEX 2012 - 100th Anniversaries of The Titanic and the Rochester Numismatic Association
2013	May 17-19	ROPEX/NTSS 2013 - Two Shows in One, Trains
2014	May 16-18	ROPEX 2014 - Hot Cars
2015	May 15-17	ROPEX 2015 - Elvis Presley- Return to Sender
2016	May 20-22	ROPEX 2016 - National Park Service 1916-2016
2017	May 19-20	ROPEX 2017 - 200th Anniversary of the Start of Erie Canal Construction
2018	May 18-19	ROPEX 2018 - 100th Anniversary of Scheduled Air Mail Service in the U.S.

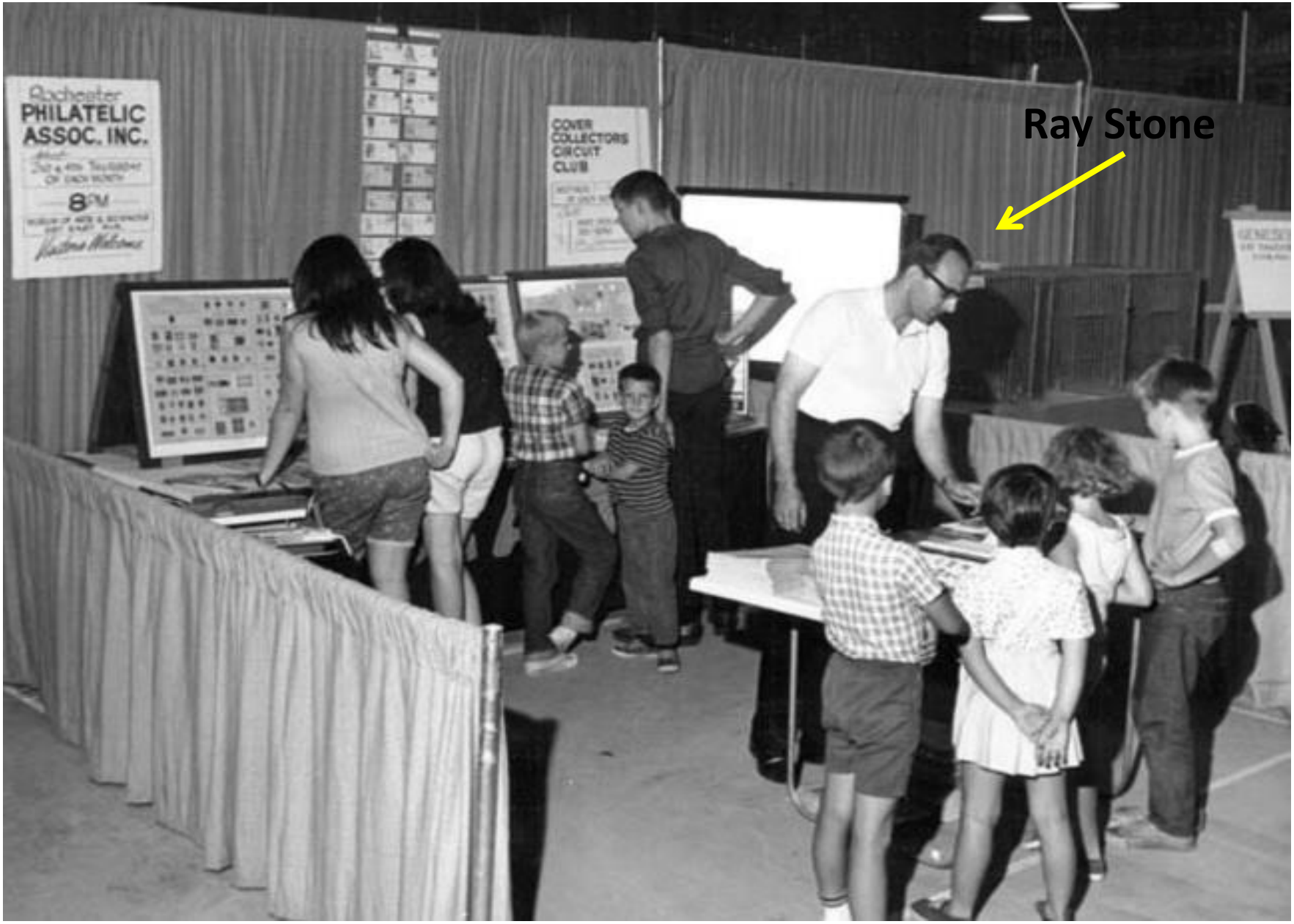
1963

50th Aniversary Exhibition April 26th, 1963

1000th Meeting Oct 12th, 1963



ROPEX, circa 1970 (over 45 years ago)



1978 ROPEX

John Kellas and Rochester Mayor Tom Ryan

1993 ROPEX

Rick Kase Larry Moriarty Bernice Watson Gordon Morison

1996 Eastview Mall

Tom Fortunato shows off some of the thousands of stamps that he has collected and studied. He and other members of the Rochester Philatelic Association celebrated National Stamp Month last week at EastView Mall.

2001 ROPEX

Welcome Table
Tom Fortunato, George Fekete
Brad Sterling, Rick Kase

2003 ROPEX

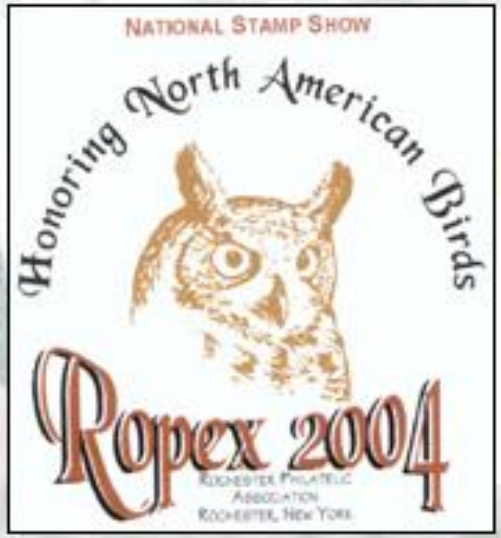
Ray Stone

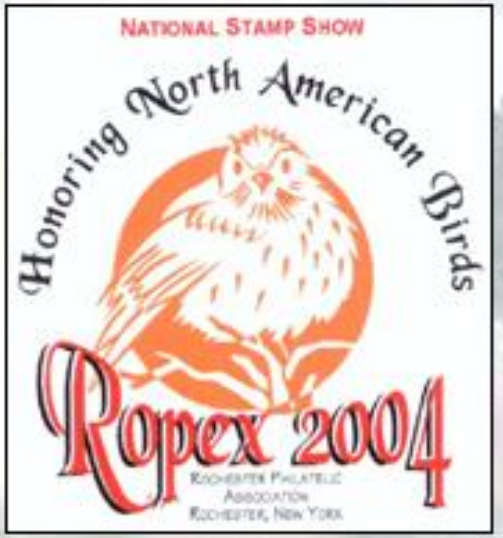
Rick Kase

2004 ROPEX

Who knows the 2004 theme ??

ROPEX 2004 Cancels & Cachets





ROPEX 2007

ESL Sports Centre, Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Rd.

ROPEX 2009

Who knows the 2009 theme ??

2009 Cancels & Cachets

Honoring
Abraham Lincoln
MAY 15, 2009
ROCHESTER NY 14623

Honoring
Abraham Lincoln
ROPEX STATION
MAY 16, 2009
ROCHESTER, NY 14623

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MAY 17, 2009
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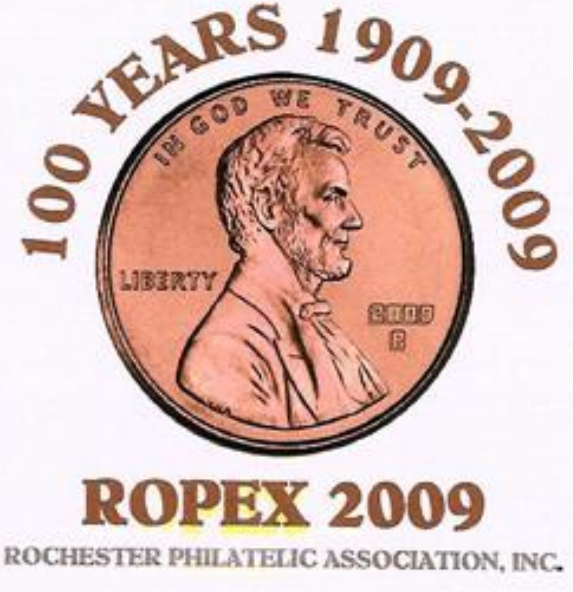


ROPEX 2011

Design-A-Stamp Rules Entry Form

Aaron Kahler
Grade 10- 1st

Brian Malgieri
Grade 10- 2nd

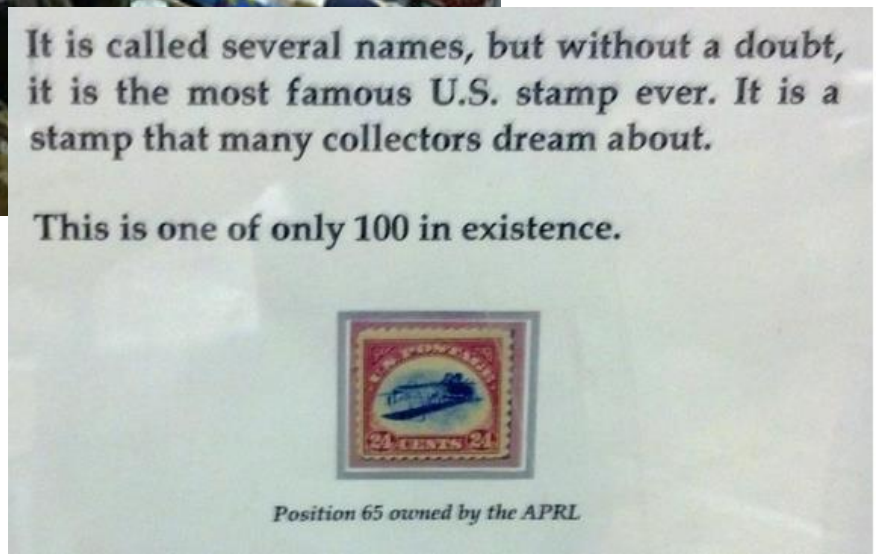
Kameron Lewis
Grade 12- 1st

Stephanie Hopkins
Grade 12- 2nd

Here are our 1st and 2nd place finalists in the two higher grade categories. All come from Start Monroe #1 Boces.

Three of the four winners attended ROPEX in person, with their teacher standing in for Brian.

ROPEX 2013, shared with ATA at The Armory



ROPEX 2013

USPS Image

First Day of Issue

"A Flag for All Seasons"
set of 4 Forever
booklet stamps
Friday, May 17
10:30 AM

(Free public ceremony before the show opening.)

ROPEX 2014 Youth Area at The Armory

ROPEX 2015 at the Canandaigua Civic Center

Florence Wright

ROPEX 2015

ROPEX 2015

5th ENGINEER SPECIAL BGE
WW II
ROPEX COMMITTEE
Frank's WWII buddy
Frank Tritto

ROPEX 2016

CANANDAIGUA CIVIC CENTER
HOME
GUEST
PERIOD
PLYR PENALTY
PLYR PENALTY
2006-07
Section V
Class B
CHAMPIONS
1:32
1840 - 1870
MOSTLY
STAMPS
2007
Champions
2008
CHAMPIONS
UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE
McCloud Stamps & Covers
Collections
Harry Tong tables
McCloud tables

ROPEX 2016

Ray Stone
Tom Fortunato
Chuck Schultz
Carl Miller
Working hard or hardly working ??

ROPEX 2016

Design winners with Frank Tritto and Mary Iman

ROPEX 2017

Carl’s office

ROPEX 2017

Exhibit awards were handed out by Tom and Rich Spinelli.
Judges Schultz, Martin and Chiu.

ROPEX 2017

Two lessons

1) **Stamp Collectors come in all ages.**
2) **If you come Thursday to help set-up you get first crack at the material on the club table.**

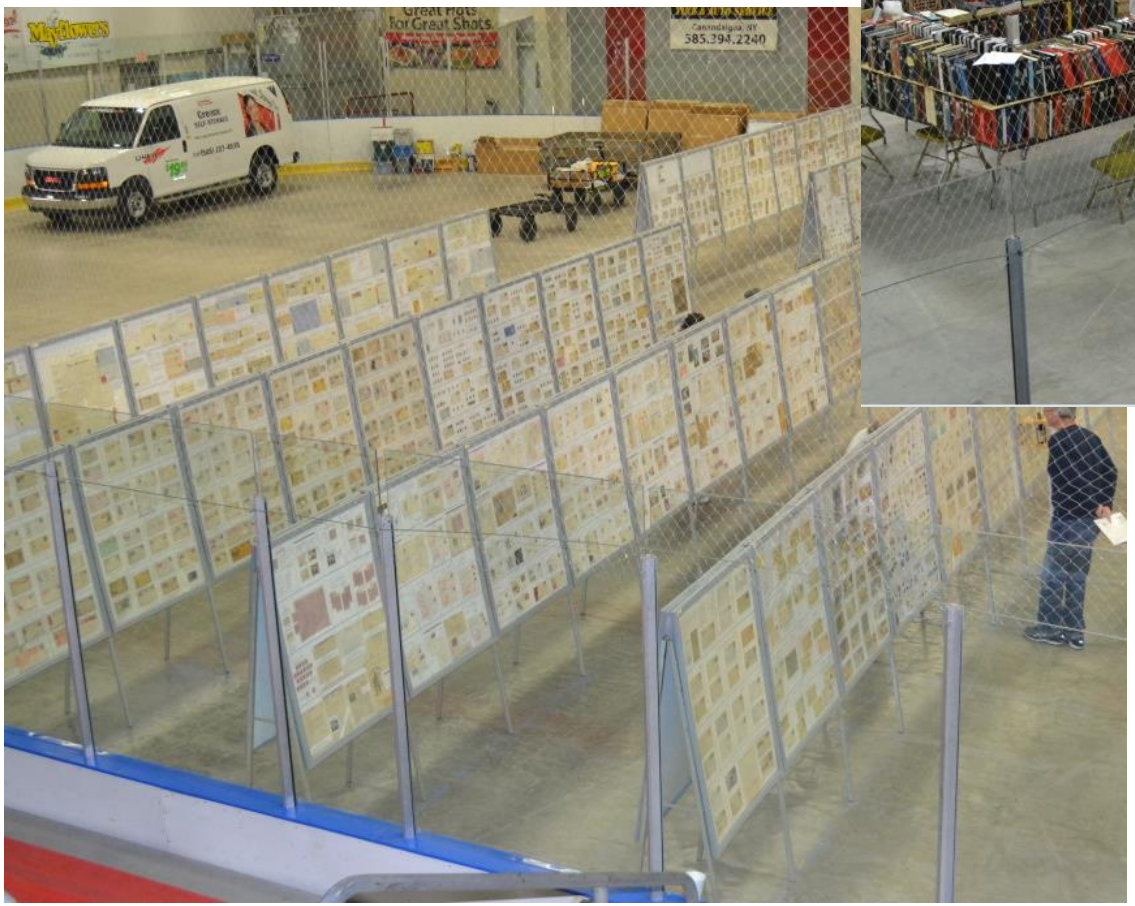
ROPEX 2018

2006-07
Section V
Class B
CHAMPIONS
McCloud Stamps & Covers
Rochester, New York
John Stoltz 585-507-3533

ROPEX 2018

Mary And Bill are ready !!

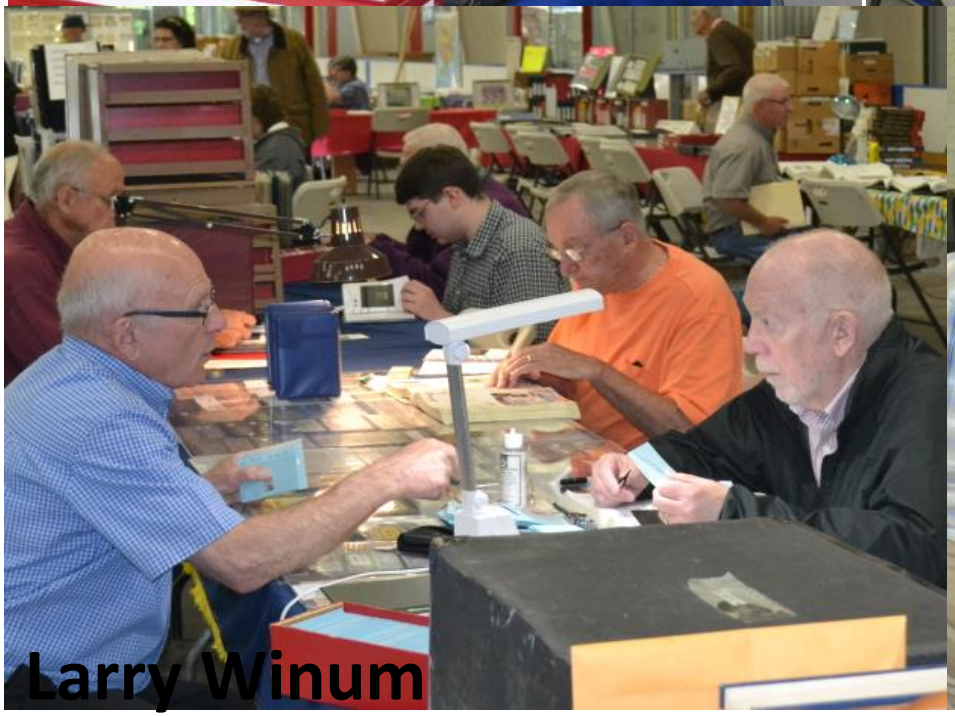
ROPEX 2018



ROPEX 2018 Dealers

Lou Atvel

Dale Smith


Larry Winum

Post Office

ROPEX 2018

DENMARK
SWEDEN
SWEDEN
Does anyone know this guy ?
John Stoltz

ROPEX 2019

ROPEX National Stamp Show

Fri. & Sat., May 17-18, 2019 Hours 10-6, 10-3

Greater Canandaigua Civic Center
25 North Bloomfield Road

$2 Daily Admission, Under 18 Free
Free Parking

150th and 50th Anniversary Themes:
Transcontinental Railroad, Man on the Moon

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ROPEX 2019 Commemorative Covers
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